FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S.1115

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Military Personnel and Dependents

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES: See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws relating to public colleges and universities and the manner and conditions under which military personnel and their dependents are eligible to receive and retain in-state tuition rates.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The impact of this Bill would be in the form of decreased tuition revenue to the state's public colleges and universities. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) does not collect data in such a way to determine the number of students who would continue to receive the in-state tuition rate as a result of the provision of this Bill. However, their Fall 2007 data does identify 1,111 students receiving in-state tuition and fees due to exceptions for military and dependents and thereby might qualify. Assuming one percent of these students qualify, the impact on tuition revenue can be estimated at \$89,650 (11 students x \$8,150 average tuition differential at state colleges and universities).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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